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Baker-Polito administration awards more than \$162,000 in workplace safety grants

BOSTON MA – Ten Massachusetts employers were awarded a total of \$162,948 to help train employees in workplace safety and injury prevention, the Baker-Polito Administration's Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced today.

"These grants continue to provide employees important training and education to help keep themselves and their co-workers safe on the job," **Governor Charlie Baker said.**

"Every year, thousands of workers in the Commonwealth receive training to make themselves and their work environments safer," Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said.

The Department of Industrial Accidents administers and manages the Workplace Safety Training and Education Grant program to promote safe, healthy workplace conditions through training, education, and other preventative programs for businesses and employees covered by the Massachusetts Workers' Compensation law.

This is the final round of grants in fiscal year 2016, which will train 460 employees. During the fiscal year, the Baker-Polito Administration awarded a total of \$696,000 to 44 companies to train nearly 5,000 workers.

Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Ronald L. Walker said, "This safety training increases a worker's knowledge of their surroundings and job, bringing more opportunities for their growth and success."

The maximum grant amount per employer is \$25,000. Businesses are awarded training grants through a competitive application process. The Department of Industrial Accidents is opening another round of applications soon.

Organizations that received grants:

AGM Marine Contractors, Inc. – Mashpee, MA – \$18,789 – AGM Marine provides marine construction and dredging services. Proposed training includes OSHA, FA/AED, and crane operator.

CGIT Systems, Inc. – Medway, MA – \$21,127 – CGIT Systems provides a compact reliable method of transmitting large amounts of power over long distance. Proposed training includes in-house train the trainer, GHS Hazcom, blood-borne pathogens and aerial lift/scissor lift.

Energia, LLC – Holyoke – \$14,274 – Energia is an energy services company that provides upgrades for residential, multifamily and commercial properties to reduce utility costs and energy use throughout western Massachusetts. Proposed training includes, EPR Renovation, OSHA 10, OSHA 30, confined space, office ergonomics, and CPR/First Aid.

Helfrich Brothers Boiler Works – Lawrence, MA - \$24,000 – Helfrich Brothers Boiler Works services the power plant industries. They are a steel fabrication and machine shop having fabrication capabilities to include ASME pressure vessel fabrication, machining, and boiler parts of all types. Their proposed training includes Slings and Rigging, Compressed Gas Cylinder Safety, Confined Space, Fall Protection, Fire Extinguisher, Hazard Communication, Hot works, and Lead Safety.

Lahey Clinic – Burlington, MA – \$19,474 – Lahey Clinic is a 317-bed hospital and ambulatory care center. LHMC is a teaching hospital for Tufts University School of Medicine. Nurses, Clinical Assistants, and other staff are at high risk of musculoskeletal disorders caused by overexertion. Proposed training includes safe patient lifting/handling.

LBP Solutions, LLC – Foxboro, MA – \$18,462 – LBP Solutions, LLC is a full service environmental inspection and consulting firm specializing in hazardous building material surveys. Proposed training includes 40-hour. Hazwoper, OSHA 30, CPR/FA, confined space, and fall protection.

Link House – Salisbury – \$3,210 – Link House, Inc. provides residential programs for men and women who struggle with drug and alcohol addictions. It is a non-profit organization that has served more than 5,000 men and women. Proposed training will include crisis management and violence prevention.

Medtronic – Chicopee MA, – \$8,795.40 – Medtronic is a medical supply plant. The company's training will include Powered Industrial Trucks, CPR/FA/AED, job safety, and hazard recognition.

Shaheen Brothers, Inc. – Amesbury, MA – \$17,815.50 – Shaheen Brothers is a family run business in the Merrimack Valley. They supply restaurants, health care facilities, hotels and others in the food service industry. Proposed training includes ergonomics, driver safety, CPR/FA, and forklift safety.

Van Lumber Inc. – Bellingham, MA – \$17,000 – Van Lumber, Inc. is a wholesale/retail provider of interior millwork. Proposed training includes forklift training, talk fire prevention, manual lifting, OSHA, and Lock-Out/Tag Out.

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